

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. MARVIN CHASE

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2005

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, on December 12 a good man, a fine public servant and a good friend of mine died at the age of 65. Marvin Chase lived in North Stonington and during his lifetime he was truly a citizen in action. For those of us who knew him, his name is synonymous with public service, a love of his community and a deep love for his family and friends.

Marvin was involved with his community. He was a Republican but he was from the school of thought that said, "I don't care what your political affiliation is, I care about you and I care about your ideas." Consequently, he was able to work with individuals from across the political spectrum. He liked and respected people; and he was liked and respected in return.

A 6-year member of the North Stonington Economic Development Commission, which he chaired, Marvin won another 5-year term in November. First Selectman Nicholas H. Mullane II, said Marvin was "probably the best chairman I've ever seen on the EDC."

Marvin did more than keep the seat warm. In 2003 he led the commission as it studied the best way to bring business to town. He also led the commission's two-year effort to create a low-impact commercial development zone near Interstate 95 exit 92, which the Planning and Zoning Commission approved in February. And that zone change drew immediate interest from businesses.

Marvin was always sensitive of the need to balance business with the rural nature of our community and our region in southeastern Connecticut. He wanted to attract businesses so that taxes could be kept under control and so that there would be jobs; but he knew how important it was to ensure that North Stonington kept the quiet characteristics that make it such a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Marvin belonged to the North Stonington Grange, served on the North Stonington Fair Committee and for more than 30 years he was a member of what is now the Masonic United Coastal Lodge 57. A former deacon of United Church in Stonington, Marvin served until a few years ago as moderator of the First Baptist Church in North Stonington. He was chairman of the North Stonington Republican Town Committee and a lifetime member of the North Stonington Fire Company.

Marvin worked for the State of Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department as an inspector for the Dealers and Repairers Division and he owned and operated a Shell Service Station in Preston for many years.

There was also a racy side to Marvin—he drove race cars at the Thompson Motor Speedway, Norwood Arena, Waterford Speedbowl and Stafford Speedway from 1960

to 2001. And he was vice president of the New England Antique Racer's Association.

Finally, Marvin played a significant role in all of my political campaigns, offering me his sage advice and insights to a variety of issues. His was always a voice of reason and sound judgment. He was a friend—and a friend can tell you things you do not want to tell yourself. But those are often things you most need to hear. I will miss him greatly.

CONGRATULATING THE LAKELAND DREADNAUGHTS AS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS "NULLI SECUNDUS"

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2005

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to applaud the accomplishments of the Lakeland High School Varsity Football team from Lakeland, Florida—the 2005 Class 5A Florida State Champions and the 2005 National Champions.

Coach Bill Castle, 2004 5A Coach of the Year and recent inductee of the Polk County Sports Hall of Fame, led the Dreadnaught's to their 5th State Championship, 17th District Championship, and 1st National Championship. The Dreadnaughts defeated Ft. Lauderdale's St. Thomas Aquinas, 39–19, ending their season at 15–0, in a rematch of last years title for the Class 5A State Championship. This is the first time a Polk County football team has won back-to-back State titles, and the first time that two top-five nationally ranked teams have met this late in the season.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Coach Castle and his staff, Dan Talbot, Dan Moonet, Frank Webster, Chris Davis, Clay Taylor, Jason Butler, Michael Peeples, Denny Krahe, and Brian Abdon, for the positive example they set and for the leadership they provide. In addition, Principal Mark Thomas and his administration, Athletic Director Sid Kimbrell, the faculty and staff, the parents, the students, the alumni and the fans should all be commended for their community spirit and constant support.

Most importantly, however, I would like to recognize those outstanding student athletes, who exemplified the hard work, character, and sportsmanship, to make this victory possible: Matt Grier, Scott Bryant, Chris Rainey, Rashard Coleman, Andre Walker, Pat Turner, Deonte Parker, T.K. Lamb, Ledarius Dobie, Darius Jones, Tyler Grantham, Billy Lowe, Awtan Glover, Jordan Hammond, Jesse Smart, Paul Wilson, Adam Williams, Blair Castle, Leon Covington, Steve Wilks, Cedric Edom, Preston Chatmon, Ahmad Black, Jamar Taylor, Troy Johnson, Calvin Shaw, Derrell Harrison, Connor Johnson, Tony McElrath, Aaron Walters, Devon Terry, Justin Burdette, Bryant Peace, Matt Roddenbery, Nic Moody, Colin Clyne, Quinten Campbell, Mike Jensen,

Michael Horton, David Liason, Ben Wilcox, Jensen Harris, Justin Calabrese, James Campbell, John Brown, Eagar Lewis. The Dreadnaughts prove that academic excellence, intensive training and a lot of heart, will lead a team to victory. The school's motto is "Nulli Secundus," which means "Second to None." I know that I speak for every member in offering congratulations and the best of luck to the Lakeland Dreadnaughts, who officially are "second to none" in the Nation.

FURTHER CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3010, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the fiscal year 2006 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations Conference Report. I was dismayed to hear my friend, the Chairman of the Subcommittee, state that this bill "more than any other, illustrates the compassion of the American people." But the American people did not produce this bill, and, judging from the hundreds of calls and letters to my office, they do not support its provisions.

Across the board, in nearly every area of importance to American families, our citizens are shortchanged by this bill. The Labor-HHS-Education bill is often the most contentious appropriations measure to move through Congress. This is because the programs it funds affect the health, the quality of life, indeed the future of every American. This year, the original version of the conference report was deemed so harmful that it was rejected once already on November 17. Today, the authors of this bill have returned it to the floor with a few cosmetic changes designed only to secure enough votes to squeak the bill through. But this so-called "new and improved version" will be no less objectionable to the sensibilities of the American people and certainly no less harmful to American families.

This legislation sends a clear message to the American people: for educational opportunity, for food assistance to elderly Americans, for help with heating bills next winter, for access to quality health care, for advances in medical research: do not look to this Congress for help.

The majority says it cares about families, about better education, about improved health care, about a productive workforce, about economic opportunity. But it has produced a bill that cuts the bootstraps of middle class families trying to stay afloat and aspiring families who are reaching for the American dream.

Overall, this bill cuts \$1.5 billion from last year's funding levels. Let us examine what effect these cuts will have on our Nation.

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